

AT WORK ON THE MAINE

Divers Tackle a Hard Task.

MORE ARE NEEDED

The Court of Inquiry Begins Work.

CAPTAIN SIGSBEE EXAMINED

Sensational Stories Told by the Passengers of a Ship Just Arrived from Havana—The Anchorage of the Alfonso XIII Said to Have Been Suddenly Changed Before the Explosion.

WASHINGTON, February 21.—Today's developments in the Maine disaster were of a negative character, greatly to the disappointment of a considerable number of persons, who were looking for some startling discovery by the divers working in the sunken hull. The state department, after learning that Lieutenant Commander Sobral was no longer recognized as an attaché of the Spanish legation, decided to ignore the interview attributed to him, which it was at first disposed to resent.

It is now learned that Secretary Long, late on Saturday, called upon Assistant Secretary Day of the state department and laid before him newspaper clippings containing the reported interview. Acting Secretary Day agreed with Secretary Long that there was warrant for looking into the matter, and called the attention of the Spanish charge to the publications. The charge, however, promptly declared that the naval office was no longer an attaché of the legation, his successor having been appointed and gazetted December 24th. He further explained that it was owing entirely to the most important and pressing matters of business before it that the legation might have overlooked the sending of the proper notification of the change to the state department.

It is said that as a matter of fact there are frequently great delays in the receipt of such information of changes of attachés at the state department. For very obvious reasons Captain Sigbee at Havana is making the most strenuous efforts to hasten the recovery of the bodies, probably nearly a hundred in number, still imprisoned in the wreck of the Maine. It was a knowledge of the captain's desire that promptly General Counsel Lee to inform the navy department of the need for more divers. This had the desired effect, for the navy department took action to send more help.

Admiral Seward telegraphed from Key West this afternoon that he had sent five divers to Captain Sigbee and agreed that it was sufficient. The acting chief of the navigation bureau, Captain Dickens, at once took the sensible course of directing the Admiral to put himself in communication with Captain Sigbee and learn his needs at first hand. The business of the navy department is getting back to its normal condition, as is evidenced by the fact that an order has been issued to discontinue the special telegraph service which was established at that place with close at 10 o'clock at night as formerly.

Commander Forsythe, the commandant at Key West, has asked permission of the department to stop his daily bulletins, and this has been granted, with an understanding that he will report any deaths that may occur among the sufferers in the hospital there. Today he reported that they were all getting along nicely.

The exchange of official condolences still continues. Today Secretary Long sent a telegram as follows to Captain Eulate: "Commanding Officer of the Spanish cruiser Vizcaya, Tompkinsville, N.Y.:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of condolence for the loss of the Maine, and to thank you for the expression of sympathy."

A similar response was made to a telegram from Rear Admiral Spann at Vienna, expressive of sympathy for the terrible disaster to the Maine.

New York, February 21.—Lieutenant Commander Sobral stated today that he is still the naval attaché of the Spanish legation in Washington.

SIGNIFICANT IF TRUE.

The Spanish Cruiser Moved Just Before the Explosion.

New York, February 21.—The Ward line steamer Segura arrived at quarantine today from Tampico and Havana. The Segura arrived at Havana at 10 o'clock on the morning of the disaster to the Maine and passed close by the wreck. The Segura's passengers said that great excitement prevailed at Havana, and at the time of sailing the foreign population were generally of the opinion that the Maine was destroyed by design. They cited among other things in support of this theory the fact that the Spanish man-of-war Alfonso XIII, which was anchored near the Maine, changed her moorings just previous to the disaster. One of the passengers, William J. Gardin, went so far as to say that he saw a boat go near the Maine a short time previous to the explosion. He said he would go to Washington to make a statement before the proper authorities.

G. F. Holcomb of Newcastle Del., general manager of a street railway in Philadelphia, one of the passengers on board the Segura, was outspoken in his belief that the investigation at Havana would reveal some startling circumstances. "I was in Havana," said Mr. Holcomb, "not all in sympathy with the insurgents, but on Wednesday, when we got to Havana, I believe any of the Americans on board was in a mood to commit murder. The flag of the Spanish warship went not half-masted. The vessel of all other nations had paid this slight tribute to the dead."

"On Thursday, while driving to the cemetery with two American friends, I was assailed with jeers and some one threw a large stone at our carriage."

F. W. Bobbett of this city, who was with Mr. Holcomb in the carriage, added in his story that he saw one or two children yell after us that they had blown up the 'American' and they were glad of it. I did not hear a single expression of regret for the terrible loss of life from any Spaniard during the time I was in Havana."

Frank Weinhaber of this city, an eye witness of the explosion, said he heard an excited Spaniard declare shortly after the explosion that if the Americans sent another warship it would also be blown up.

M. J. Naughton, an insurance man of Chicago, who was staying with his wife at the Grand hotel, said he was seated in front of the hotel when the explosion occurred. It was followed, he said, by another and a much louder one.

"We thought the whole city had been blown to pieces," said Mr. Naughton. "Some said the insurgents were entering Havana. Others cried out that Moro Castle was blown up."

Continuing his description of the panic which existed in Havana shortly after the explosion, Mr. Naughton said: "On the Prado is a large cab stand. The minute after the explosion was heard the cabmen cracked their whips and went rattling over the cobbles like crazy men."

"The fire department turned out and bodies of cavalry and infantry rushed through the streets. There was no sleep in Havana that night. The Spanish officials were quick to express their sympathy and acted very well as a whole, but I think their expressions of regret lacked the warmth which would have been characteristic of an American city, had such a disaster occurred under similar circumstances."

William L. Carbin, the passenger who professed to have important information about the explosion, refused to make any further statements than he made at Havana. The other passengers of the Segura did not take Mr. Carbin as seriously as he took himself.

THE INQUIRY BEGUN.

Captain Sigbee Testifies Before the Commission.

HAVANA, February 21.—The board of inquiry into the Maine disaster met on the lightship tender Mangrove at 10 o'clock this morning with Captain Sampson and Obadiah and Lieutenant Commanders Potter and Marx present. Captain Sigbee, the chief witness called, was under examination until 1 o'clock this afternoon, at which hour an adjournment was taken. It is probable that no further witnesses will be heard today, but the board will make a careful personal examination of the wreck, near which the Mangrove is anchored.

Captain Sampson received the Associated Press correspondent immediately after the morning session of the board. He said in the course of an interview: "I would be glad to give the Associated Press news, but owing to the delicate situation, the board has decided to make nothing whatever public. I do not know what testimony may develop, and when, and it is not only fair to the Spanish government not to tell the public the testimony until all has been received and the findings have been considered."

Captain Sigbee, on board the Mangrove, told the correspondent that he was quite pleased with the examination and that he was able to answer all the questions asked, not only as to his own acts, but as to those of his subordinates on the Maine. There was no sign of disturbance here today and carnival week is apparently closing in perfect quiet, there being much less excitement than usual.

Gunner Charles Morgan of the cruiser New York arrived on the Mangrove and is in immediate charge of the divers. The latter have been at work all day, but up to the time of sending the dispatch no discoveries of importance have been made. It is believed that the salvage by the wrecking company will be considerable and valuable. Today 95 officers and 500 sick soldiers started on their return to Spain.

Several sugar estates in the Guan Tanamo district have commenced grinding cane.

THE VIZCAYA.

Her Commander Treated With Perfect Courtesy.

New York, February 21.—Captain Eulate and four of his officers were brought to the city today from the Vizcaya by Lieutenant J. A. Dougherty, U.S.N., on the government steamer Narkeeta. On arrival at the Spanish consulate Captain Eulate was received by General Balduino. Several prominent residents of this city were introduced to Captain Eulate, and after a brief reception the Captain, the Consul and his attendants crossed over to the Brooklyn bridge to the navy yard. A large crowd was outside the Spanish consulate, but there was no demonstration.

At the navy yard Captain Eulate paid his respects to Admiral Blanco, the commandant, and was received with the usual honors. The ceremonies were brief, and the Spanish party soon returned to the consulate. Captain Eulate also visited Governor's Island and paid his respects to General Merritt, U.S.A., and afterward the party (Continued on page 4.)

WOULD WHIP THE SPANISH

Local Preparations for War.

Brigadier General Muller Issues Orders.

Many Excited Patriots Desire to Join the National Guard.

"All about the war!" Day after day the little newsboys scurry about the streets of Fresno crying out in their clear, ringing voices the startling words which they no doubt believe to be true.

"All about the war!" when called out by a score of shrill-voiced lads thrills the average man even when he knows that there is no war. The patriotic citizen turns towards old glory and his heart beats faster. The fighting men of the town lift their heads a little higher and their imaginations begin to conjure up plans of campaign. With a few taps of martial music a regiment would spring up in Fresno as if by magic waiting to be officered and supplied with accoutrements. It would not be a regiment of coffee coolers by any means, judging from the warlike talk of these prospective soldiers.

Commercialism, apparently, has lost its charms for many, and all gain would be sacrificed for the supposed fun of chasing the Spanish off of the Western Hemisphere. Even the crop prospects and the festive vine hopper no longer agitate the minds of the people, and coat defenses, infernal machines and other means of scattering the Spanish to the four winds in small bits are subjects of highly interesting speculation.

On Sunday members of the regimental band who passed the *Expositor* window were started by a bulletin reading: "WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19, 1898. 'Colonel S. S. Wright, Fresno, Cal.: 'Execute the members of the Sixth Regiment band at sunrise. By order, 'WILLIAM McKINLEY."

It was rumored that the President had been killed in the Philippines. The rumor caused by the hand and in the interest of harmony deemed it best to ignore the severe order. Some of the Fresno boys were preparing to take to the woods, it is said, when the irrepressible Major Scott came along and declared the whole thing a fake.

Today, however, G. and F. will observe Washington's birthday by parading. There will also be a drill and sham battle. After parading the streets this afternoon with all the officers, fighting men, band and hospital corps in line, the companies will go into extended order of field movements. The companies will drill, display, attack and retreat during the maneuvers.

Yesterday Brigadier General M. W. Muller of the Third brigade, N. G. O., issued the following order to company officers under his command. Evidently the guardsmen are being put in readiness for war at a moment's notice. "Sir:—In an order directed by Gen. M. W. Muller, commanding Third Brigade, N. G. O., to transmit to you direct the following instructions, to which you will reply through channels as quickly as you can get the information required: "Ascertain immediately the business and residence address of each member of your command; from this information divide your command into squads in charge of corporals. Each corporal must keep both the business and residence address of each man in his squad and also familiarize himself with the usual whereabouts of each man both day and night, so that every man can be quickly found."

"You will ascertain immediately what per cent of your command can be depended on for active service, and how many are unfit from physical disability. Ascertain how many ex-National Guardsmen in your vicinity can be depended on for active service, make a roster of these men, showing name, age, and both business and residence address. Report the approximate time you would require to recruit your command up to the maximum of 103 members who are physically fit for active service. Make two rosters, one of ex-National Guardsmen and one of men who are willing to volunteer, showing business and residence address; place a copy of each roster, most conveniently in sections of indefinite number in charge of each sergeant for purpose of prompt notification. Special care is to be exercised regarding physical qualifications in all cases."

Local immediately all effective shells you have necessary to bring your supply of ammunition up to 100 rounds per man on a basis of present membership, being extremely careful to properly size each shell. If your finances permit, it would be well to provide a reserve supply beyond this quota for possible need."

"Can you, in case of emergency, provide your command with six days' traveling rations per man from your local source of supply? This ration to comply as nearly as circumstances will admit to United States army standard. You are hereby ordered to assemble your command for inspection in the armory on Thursday, February 24, 1898, at 8 o'clock p.m., promptly, in heavy marching order and have all property ready for inspection. "You will report as follows: On paragraph 2, showing per cent of your command that is ready for active service; paragraph 3, the total number only; paragraph 4, in days approximately; paragraph 7, yes or no; if no, state your nearest source of supply. "These reports will be forwarded to

regimental headquarters as quickly as possible. I am, sir, very respectfully, "T. J. Hay, "Lt. Col. and A. A. G. 3d Brigade, N. G. O."

Brigadier-General M. W. Muller was interviewed in regard to the above order. He denied that it was in response to instructions received from any higher authorities.

"It is a precautionary measure. A knowledge of the fighting strength of the Third brigade is desired. In the critical there are seventeen companies of infantry, one troop of cavalry, one signal corps, two bands and two hospital corps."

"If necessary there will be no trouble in raising the company memberships up to the maximum of 103. At present the average membership to the company is about 65 or 66. From all parts of the state where companies of the brigade are stationed, the reports indicate that many are anxious to enlist."

"In case of war the National Guardsmen would be sworn into service as United States volunteers. The National Guard could not evade serving the general government if called upon."

Major P. M. Northe of Visalia, engineer on the staff of General Muller, was in Fresno yesterday, and he stated that there was an intense feeling of patriotism in Tulare's county capital. Many persons desire to join the National Guard, and the opening of hostilities would be hailed with joy.

GIRL FROM PARIS

The Gay Damsel at the Barton.

A Play in Which Skirts Had an Irrepressible Tendency to Rise.

A prominent and successful politician upon being asked what he attributed his success to, answered: "By keeping before the public and being talked about. It doesn't matter much whether they speak well or ill of you so long as they talk about you."

This, to me, seems appropriate to "The Girl from Paris," or as it was originally called, "The Guy Parisienne," with the accent on the "guy." I don't know of any play that has been here that has been so much talked about and so badly. Some said the whole thing was "simply awful," others thought it too vulgar for any use, and occasionally, but not often, you found one who had seen it and thought it just immense.

I cannot quite agree with any of them. There are perhaps pieces in the piece where it could be toned down a good deal, and there are a few things that could be left undone and need without injuring the performance a bit, and perhaps improving it vastly. But it is all that the original name implies—"The Guy Parisienne." With such a title one could hardly expect to see a pure and chaste play, but on the contrary should look for something more or less at least. And those times were not very infrequent.

There was a good deal of unnecessary raising and kicking of skirts by the "Girl" which might just as well have been omitted, but that seemed to be her stock in trade, since she did not sing, act, and her acting was very Frenchly indeed.

Miss Marie Gilroy impersonated this part, and an Mlle. Julie Bon Bon, may have given a very true to life picture of the gay Parisienne, but to my thinking it is a trifle too gay for the average American audience.

There was but one really good singer in the company, and that was Clara Lavine, who played the part of Nora, but she was given very few opportunities to display her voice. A little more of her and a little less of some of the other "business" would materially help the play, I think.

Edgar Haisland, as Ebenezer Honeycomb, was very funny and created a great deal of the amusement of the evening. It was noticeable that he did not verge on the vulgar to create laughter either. Harry Herman, as Hans, the proprietor of the Spa hotel, was as good a Dutch comedian as one could wish to see, and his method of making a mineral spring was certainly very amusing. I should have enjoyed him very much if he had omitted that very, very broad joke when registering Mr. Thompson and wife.

Florence Huntley, as Mabou, was very comical, and her odd make-up created much laughter, as did her song, "Marry Jane's High Note." But her dancing, in which she constantly displayed her underwear, was positively vulgar. However, it seemed to take, at least with the upper part of the house, and she was recalled time and again. Mlle. Fleurette's dance, "La Parisienne," was very artistically done and won for her well merited applause. She is remarkably light on her feet.

There is not very much of a plot to "The Girl from Paris" and as there were few clever specialists introduced I must say that I was somewhat disappointed.

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The Constitutionality of the
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T. V. Cator Gives the Supreme
Court Six Reasons for Object-
ing to It.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 21.—The supreme court today took up the case of Charles A. Spier against the Tulare county Board of Supervisors, the suit involving the validity of the new primary law, of which State Senator Frederick S. Stratton is author.

The importance of the case is widespread and general interest is manifested in the ultimate decision, for upon it depends much. Both of the old parties have seemed to favor the new law, but the Populist party has been opposed to it from the time it was presented to the legislature. The state executive committee of the Populist party declares against it, and it was at the committee's direction that Thomas V. Cator appeared in behalf of the plaintiff and appellant.

The superior court of Tulare county decided that the law was valid, and Spier, acting in the capacity of a citizen and taxpayer, appealed to the supreme court, asking an injunction upon an allegation of the unconstitutionality of the act.

Quite a number of prominent lawyers and politicians were present this morning to hear the arguments in the case. Thomas V. Cator appeared as attorney to oppose the new law and Attorney F. B. Howard of Tulare appeared on behalf of the respondent, while Attorney Frederick S. Stratton was present to uphold the constitutionality of the act. He was assisted by Gavin McNab.

Mr. Cator in his opening address declared the law an act of injustice to any new party. He summarized his speech as follows:

First—It is unconstitutional because it takes away the right to nominate by petition.

Second—It is unconstitutional because it requires an oath that the voter intends to support the nominee of a future convention.

Third—Because it destroys the secrecy of voting, requiring every voter to show with what party he voted.

Fourth—Because it forbids the paying of election officers.

Fifth—Because it is invalid in its title, signifying that it is for more than one purpose.

Sixth—Because it is mandatory and compels the formation of political organizations.

At the close of the argument the matter was submitted upon briefs.

A PRESIDENTIAL GUEST.

Mr. McKinley to Spunk at Pennsylvania University Today.

WASHINGTON, February 21.—President McKinley, accompanied by his secretary, Mr. Porter, left Washington at 12:45 p. m. today over the Pennsylvania road for Philadelphia, where the President tomorrow morning will deliver an address before the University of Pennsylvania. The President occupied the private car Robinson, Mr. McKinley remained at home owing to a cold which she has contracted.

While in Philadelphia, the President and Mr. Porter will be the guests of O. C. Harrison, the president of the university. Wire connections have been made with Mr. Harrison's house, so that the President will be in close touch with Havana and the progress of his cabinet in Washington. According to present arrangements the President will leave Philadelphia on his return at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon.

The Boys to Send to Cuba.

PRESTON, Ariz., February 21.—As a result of the sinking of the Maine in Havana, and the feeling prevailing that volunteers will be called for, initial steps are being taken in this city to form the first regiment of the Arizona flying cavalry, and turning the same over to the service of President McKinley in case of war with Spain. The regiment will be 1000 strong, equipped with Winchester rifles, Colt pistols and the latest type of cavalry horse. The personnel of the force will be made up principally of cowboys, all of whom, in addition to speaking the Spanish language, are expert marksmen and skilled horsemen.

Attorney Boone Denied a Rehearing.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 21.—Judges Gilbert, Ross and Morrow in the United States circuit court today denied the petition for a rehearing of John L. Boone, the disabled patent attorney. Judge Morrow delivered a brief opinion, in which he said that Boone had failed to show cause why he should be reheard. The affidavit filed by Boone alleged that certain prominent members of the bar had been guilty of the offense for which he was discharged.

Justice to Ireland.

LOS ANGELES, February 21.—The house of commons was crowded today when the first bill of the treasury, Mr. Balfour, introduced the Irish local government bill. In so doing, Mr. Balfour said he thought it possible the new order of things would at first seem a failure, but he believed it would work through failure to the success which it deserved.

The Chinese Loan.

SHANGHAI, February 21.—The North China Daily News says: An unconfirmed report in current that the Chinese loan has been settled at Peking with Great Britain.

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LEFT WITHOUT FRIENDS.

The Canadian Pacific Boycotted by Other Roads.

CHICAGO, February 21.—Western roads have assumed the aggressive in the war with the Canadian Pacific road. They have thrown that road out of the Western immigrant clearing house. The effect of this action will be that the Canadian Pacific will be shut out from participation in immigrant travel arriving at New York or Boston. Acting in harmony with this action of the western roads the trans-Atlantic steamship lines, which are parties to the immigrant agreement with these roads, have called their agents in Europe and throughout the Northwest not to sell any tickets or prepaid orders calling for tickets over the Canadian Pacific. These instructions apply to all immigrant business, irrespective of where it originates or in what direction it may be moving, whether east or west. The Southern Pacific road is also a party to this boycott, so that the Canadian Pacific has left itself without friends. As a result of this action the Canadian Pacific will have to rely on traffic at Portland, Me., or Canadian ports for its immigrant business.

WRIGHT IRRIGATION LAW.

A Decision Which is Held to Sustain It.

LOS ANGELES, February 21.—In the federal court here today a decision was rendered which sustains the action of the Wright irrigation act which provides that after two years of operation the validity of irrigation districts cannot be attacked. The decision was rendered in the case entitled Miller against the Harris Irrigation District and was on demurrer.

The court holds also that no private person can attack the validity of the bonds of an irrigation district without the co-operation of the state unless it can be shown that the district is illegally organized.

The decision is looked upon as a victory for the Wright irrigation law.

WHEAT DROPS.

But the Price is Still Very Good.

After Rising to \$1.08 May Falls to \$1.03 3/4—Export Business Good.

CHICAGO, February 21.—It looked at the opening in wheat as though there was to be another wild day in the pit. May was bid for at the commencement at the way from \$1.06 to \$1.07, the higher of the figures being an advance of 1/4 over Saturday's closing price.

Most of the bidding was at \$1.06 and the price settled there for a moment. Then it rose rapidly to \$1.07 1/2, declined a cent and worked back more slowly to \$1.07. July was affected also, though not showing such rapid or violent fluctuations.

The week in New York stocks and wheat was talk in the morning papers undoubtedly had a great influence on wheat, whose anxiety to cover was responsible for the nervousness of the market displayed.

The latter reports claim they did nothing at today's market. The crowd believed that a good portion of the buying was done on every soft spot for his credit and this belief added to the general nervousness. Wheat on ocean passage showed an increase for the week of 2,320,000 bushels. This provoked lively selling from coasted long.

Up to midday the market showed a series of fluctuations more or less violent. May being bid at one time to \$1.08, but dropping at once to \$1.07 1/2. July acted heavier and did not get at any time above 93 1/2. The visible figures were a disappointment to the bulls who showed an increase of 301,000 bushels, and but for the heavy demand at Chicago, owing to the latter shipments, there would probably have been an increase. Free selling both of July and May followed this announcement.

Toward the close a sudden bulge in New York and the coasted long business for this Atlantic trade, 572,000 bushels, injected some strength into the dropping market and a slow rally followed. At the close May was bringing \$1.03 3/4 and July 92 1/2.

There was heavy selling of corn from every direction, but country offerings were small and calm. May closed 1/2 lower. Data were similar to that of corn in action. May closed 1/2 lower. Provisions were fairly active and irregular. At the close May pork was 2 1/2c lower at \$11, May lard 2 1/2c higher at \$5.25.

A TIMELY OFFER

Millionaire Gould Tenders His New Yacht.

It is at the Service of the Government in Case of Need.

NEW YORK, February 21.—Howard Gould, owner of the \$500,000 pleasure craft Niagara, which has been launched at Wilmington, Del., says, if necessary, he would gladly turn it over to the government.

"As a matter of fact," said Mr. Gould, "I believe that the war rumors have been exaggerated and I sincerely hope that there will be no use for the Niagara. The yacht will not be ready for two or three months and by that time I guess there will be no call for naval reserve boats."

"The Niagara is not fast enough for a dispatch boat and I do not know just how it might be used for government purposes, but if needed it will be on hand."

The Niagara not only is the largest steam yacht ever built in the United States, but represents the highest type of naval construction as applied to pleasure. In point of tonnage it is equalled by only three or four yachts in the world.

The National Exchequer.

WASHINGTON, February 21.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance \$225,148,960; gold reserve, \$167,044,415.

TALKING OF THE CENSUS

Senators Differ on the
Control of It.

Teller's Amendment Voted
Down.

The Work Will Probably Be
Controlled by the Secretary
of the Interior.

WASHINGTON, February 21.—For three hours today the senate had under discussion the bill providing for the taking of the twelfth and subsequent censuses. It was amended so to place the census bureau under the Secretary of the Interior, but the extended discussion which followed disclosed so wide a divergence of views on the part of the senators as to various features of the measures that no further action was taken. A resolution offered by Mr. Allen, directing the committee on naval affairs to make an investigation of the director to the battleship Maine was adopted without debate.

As no other business was pressing, the senate at the suggestion of Mr. Hale of Maine, began to consider unobjectionable bills on the calendar. Among those passed were the following:

Requiring masters and mates of sailing vessels of over 700 tons to have licenses issued by United States inspectors; granting to the state of Wyoming 50,000 acres of land to aid in the construction, enlargement and maintenance of the Wyoming state soldiers and sailors home; and to amend an act to prohibit the passage of local or special laws in the territories, to limit territorial indebtedness, etc.

At 2 o'clock consideration of the bills on the calendar was discontinued. The senate adjourned for the twelfth and subsequent censuses was laid before the senate.

Mr. Allison thought the census bureau ought not to be made an independent bureau, but should be placed under the department of the interior under the general supervision of the secretary of the interior, and he proposed an amendment to that effect.

Mr. Teller of Colorado offered an amendment to Mr. Allison's amendment providing that the census bureau be placed under the department of the interior and that the committee on naval affairs be authorized to make an investigation of the director to the battleship Maine was adopted without debate.

WASHINGTON, February 21.—This was private bill day in the house, but little was accomplished, owing to the fact that most of the time was consumed in the passage of private pension bills coming over from the Friday night session three weeks ago. The feature of the day was the spirited contest over the bill to pay Newberry college, a Lutheran institution in South Carolina, \$15,000 for damages by Federal troops. It was finally passed. On motion of Mr. Bailey, the Democratic leader, the house voted 29 to 35, to observe Washington's birthday by adjourning over tomorrow, but Mr. Dingley raised the point of no quorum, and before further action could be taken the house recessed under the rule until 8 o'clock. The Republican desire to go ahead with the sundry civil appropriation bill tomorrow.

PATRIOTISM PREVAILS.

Daughters of the Revolution Daily Celebrate.

WASHINGTON, February 21.—The seventh continental congress of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was held today at the Grand opera house. Of the 500 present, delegates nearly all were present. American flags adorned the chief decorations of the body of the house while the stage was brilliantly lit with potted plants, relieved in the rear by a full length portrait of General George Washington.

The singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" and the reading of the official notices and invitations to the congress concluded the work of the morning.

A patriotic incident of the session was the unanimous adoption of a resolution of condolence for the families of the officers and men of the man destroyed in Havana harbor last week.

It was offered by Mrs. Jennie Garrison, and a copy will be sent to the secretary of the navy.

OWENS CONVICTED.

The Modesto Murderer Sentenced to Be Hanged.

MODesto, February 21.—The jury in the case of George C. Owens, who shot and killed his wife on December 13th last, brought in a verdict tonight of guilty of murder in the first degree, and fixed the death penalty.

At the time of the murder he shot his daughter, Mrs. F. F. Tiedmann, in the breast and then attempted suicide, but only inflicted a scalp wound. The date of execution will be fixed on Saturday next at 10 o'clock.

Both Men Killed.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., February 21.—James Shanahan, chief of police of La Follette, Tenn., attempted to arrest William Rutledge, who was drunk. The latter shot at the officer and in the melee both men were killed.

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Special Offerings for This Week.

36-INCH BEST FRENCH PERCALES—

In short pieces ranging from 3 to 12 yards each piece, fine goods and beautiful styles, worth 15c yard, this week 10c yard.

36-INCH PUNJAB PERCALES—

We are sole agents in Fresno for this wonderful line of English Percales, the best fabric made, and the colors are fast as a rock. 200 beautiful designs to choose from. This week, 12 1/2c yard.

TAILOR MADE SUITINGS—

Also Finest Duck Suitings in newest designs and prettiest colorings, a perfect fabric for skirts and walking dresses. This week for 10c yard.

27-INCH TOILE DU NORD—

A splendid French Gingham in elegant designs and the noblest colorings. This week 10c yard.

32-INCH FRENCH ZEPHYRS—

A handsome range of assorted beauty in a singularly fine fabric. This week 15c yard.

32-INCH INDIA CASHMERES—

A useful and profitable weave for ladies' wrappers and house dresses, in a lovely assortment of light and dark colorings. This week, 10c yard.

MADRAS CLOTH—

This fabric is par excellence the "cloth of the season," in neat checks and stripes, stylish plaids, Roman stripes, and fancy designs in the most delicate tints. It forms the acme of perfection for ladies' waists. This week, 20c yard.

SCOTCH ZEPHYRS—

The well-known excellence of these genuine fabrics, both as to their washing and wearing qualities, as well as in their general beauty of coloring and design, stamp them as public favorites for spring wear. We have them in elegant families at 20c; in lapet stripes at 25c; in Boucle effects at 35c; in Silk effects at 40c.

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In black and assorted colors. We carry an elegant line of this useful and beautiful fabric for ladies' waists at 50c.

OUR STOCK

is now complete in Domestic Organzies, Fine French Organzies, French Grenadines, Drop Stitch Organzies, Dimities, Dimities with Lappet stripes, and the most charming assortment of White Lawns, both plain and fancy, forming a galaxy of novelties never before equaled in Fresno.

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THE FRESNO MORNING REPUBLICAN.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

FRESNO, February 21.—Observations taken at 6 o'clock in the afternoon:

Barometer	30.07
Temperature, dry bulb	58
Temperature, wet bulb	47
Humidity, percent	72
Wind, N.W. (miles per hour)	10
Maximum Temperature for past 24 hours	58
Minimum Temperature for past 24 hours	47
Total rainfall past 24 hours, inches	.13
Total rainfall for season, inches	9.35

Weather Forecast.
SAN FRANCISCO, February 21.—Official forecast for California, ending at 5 p.m., February 22:—Northern California—Fair Tuesday; mostly windy.
Southern California—Fair Tuesday; fresh westerly winds.

The Republican may be had in San Francisco at the Palace Hotel news stand.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Good table
And seed potatoes
At Holland's.

Fresh fish today at City Market.

Onion seed potatoes at Hammond's.

Wood and coal at Dorsey & Parker's.

World bicycles, \$35.50—L. G. Barton & Co.

Chicken dinner, 25 cents at Universal Restaurant.

Ripe oranges for sale, \$1 per hundred at 355 J street.

Republican business office, telephone main 17. Editorial rooms, main 101.

Wanted—the address of S. P. Morrill, Jacob Clark, 1058 J street, Fresno, Cal.

John Phillips disturbed the peace yesterday and Justice St. John fined him \$7.50.

"Imperial Fresno" on sale at Oarley's, Riege's, South & Fenton's and the Republican office.

Christian Endeavor "mystery" social tonight, DuWitt hall; lodgerdenatim; admission, 25 cents.

Just the thing to send to your friends in the East—"Imperial Fresno" in leatherette, 75 cents.

The stores of the Kuhnert-Goldschlein Company will close at noon today—Washington's birthday.

George Leocata yesterday petitioned for letters of administration on the estate of John Leocata, deceased.

Deputy District Attorney Williams yesterday morning severely burned his left forearm by upholding hot lard on it.

Lee McLaughlin, R. P. Dewey and Henry Babbe were yesterday appointed appraisers of the estate of Alfred Ganes, deceased.

Carl M. Rosenzweig and Miss Petra Xelon were married yesterday afternoon. Justice St. John performed the ceremony.

Revival services will be conducted at the Baptist church in Clovis for several days, beginning tonight, February 22d. All are cordially invited to attend.

"Imperial Fresno," showing the resources, industries and scenery of Fresno county, may be had at the Republican office, 1842 Tulare street. Leatherette 75c, cloth \$1.50.

Henry Harford, who fell from the new Vanderlip residence last Saturday afternoon, is improving. The accident was not due to any fault of the carpenter, as a weak brace gave way.

Trains carrying Cattle and Beavers had a race down the valley yesterday morning. The Cattle came in by the Southern Pacific and the Beavers by the Valley road. There was only a few minutes difference in time between the arrival of the two papers.

The reception committee that is to meet Hon. O. A. Towne, the silver advocate, who will speak in Arroyo hall Wednesday evening, had a meeting in Judge Nourse's office yesterday. The members of the committee will go to Bakersfield to meet the distinguished visitor.

Oxford Bibles.

Prayer Books and Hymnals; complete line and cheaper than ever before at Riege's Book Store.

MAGNIFICENT FURNITURE.

W. Parker Lyon & Co. Carrying a Superb Stock.

The grand stock of beautiful and useful Furniture at W. Parker Lyon & Co.'s mammoth warehouse is one of the largest in the San Joaquin valley.

Chicken Dinner.

The ladies of the M. E. Church, South, will give a chicken dinner next Tuesday, February 23d, from 12 to 2 o'clock. Dinner, 55 cents. At Lincoln building, Fresno street.

PERSONAL.

John Smartt and wife of Reedley are visiting in Fresno.

Alex. Goldstein has returned from a visit in San Francisco.

Charles Erickson went to Mariposa yesterday to look after a mine he is interested in.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Stevens and Mrs. Kinley have left for San Francisco for a week's visit to friends.

Mrs. Eva Phillips has left the St. George Vineyard Company and gone to San Francisco to accept another position.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brown and daughters, Mary and Alice, left last evening for their home in the East. They have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Barrick for several months.

Cupid's Day.

Yesterday seemed to be Cupid's day, for three marriage licenses were issued.

The happy couples were Carl M. Rosenzweig, aged 28 years, and Petrus Nelson, 27, both of Fresno; Jasper L. Hamilton, 23, and Myrtle J. Steward, 19, both of Selma; and F. M. Carrillo, 34, of Bakersfield, and Joana Yndurain, 23, of San Francisco.

Bicycle Races This Afternoon.

The bicycle races at Athletic park this afternoon will afford amusement for a large crowd. All of the local cyclists are interested in the races, as some of the best home riders are entered. There will be some fast riding and perhaps several records will be made.

Beware of "cheap" baking powders. Alum makes good medicine but bad food. Ask your doctor.

INSINCERE BRYAN

Populist Rork Exposes His Duplicity.

Declares That the Democrats Have Killed Silver in Six States.

EDITOR REPUBLICAN.—During the campaign of 1896 Bryan telegraphed Chairman Jones at St. Louis that he would run with none but Swall. The telegram was suppressed. Bryan knew it, and he also knew that the Populists would not have given him a vote if the telegram had been made public, but he kept silent. As it was, he could not get our nomination until Watson was nominated for vice president. Still he treated our nominees with contempt. We are moody. That is wicked, but it is a fact. The Democrats have killed silver as often as they have had a chance and the "Reformed Democracy" have already killed it in six states.

The coinage of gold and silver is a vital class legislation. It raises the value of gold and silver to the value of the stamp placed upon the metal. It marks the property of a few persons, prevents them with the only legal tender stamps, for the use of which all the rest of us must give interest. It puts the control of money and therefore the control of the country, into the hands of a gold and silver oligarchy who can ruin us as they please, notably as they did in 1836, when we had "free coinage" and wildcat bank notes, falsely called paper money.

Money is the power of the government to release a debtor. Whenever our government puts a stamp on any substance and then agrees to release any debtor from any creditor to whom that stamp is presented, then the whole matter ends, and the reform forces demand that stamp from the government at cost, the same as postage stamps.

The People's Party strictly opposed to close laws. Tariff is robbery, but Democrats stand as firmly for robbery for revenue as the Republicans do for robbery for protection. Reformers are demanding that revenues be raised by a tax on property, and that protection be secured by refusing to land foreign goods in warehouse for our goods.

The People's Party cannot stop educating upon principles that will bring positive relief for the sake of joining hands with fractions of old parties anxious to hold up to their old party whose every record is clean law. It is too thin. We are ready for a new party, but we are not ready for a sham that will leave all reform work dead.

Last of all, we will never abandon direct legislation. This will kill the Mark Hanna, the veto power President, and government by injunction, and it is the only thing that can do these things or break the trusts that now rule everything, so that, as Banker Woodward said, ten years from now \$100,000 will be a small and insecure capital with which to begin any business.

Mr. Bryan and Mr. Towne must offer something more tempting or fight their battle alone. M. V. Rork.

THEIR SECOND CHILD.

Little Elsie Lyon Also Succumbs to Diphtheria.

Elsie Lyon, the 4-year-old daughter of W. Parker Lyon, died at Oakland, where the parents had taken the child, at 5 o'clock yesterday morning. She was the youngest and only surviving child of Mr. and Mrs. Lyon, their eldest daughter, Gladys, having died in this city several days ago.

After the death of their first child Mr. and Mrs. Lyon took their only surviving daughter to Oakland, hoping to get her away from the contagion, but soon the signs of diphtheria, of which little Gladys died, made their appearance and all the efforts to check the dread disease were unavailing. The heart-broken parents almost distracted over their double loss, and have the deepest sympathy of their many friends.

Superior Court Notes.

The following business was transacted in the superior court yesterday:

REPORT JUDGE RILEY, DEPARTMENT I.

The San Francisco and San Joaquin Railway Company vs. Lelia O. S. Warren et al., on motion of plaintiff action dismissed.

Tou Kwa vs. A. T. Hoffman et al., defendant overruled and ten days to answer.

Insolvency of C. J. Rogers; order that proceedings be dismissed.

Estate of Larry Kelly; order to set aside property.

Estate of Mand Kiffin et al.; permission to mortgage property granted.

Estate of Robert Morrison; order to set aside property to widow and final discharge of administrator.

HYPNOTISM AND MESMERISM.

The Fontanas at the Barton This Week.

Commencing tonight at the Barton the great hypnotists, the Fontanas, will appear in their wonderful mesmeric and hypnotic séances at the Barton. These people work on scientific principles, and for the past few years have been the wonder of physicians and scientists of the east.

All of their entertainments are given in full view of the audience, and the assistance of our well known medical men is requested. In fact Prof. Fontana professes to obtain the assistance of the most prominent business men, lawyers and physicians, knowing that their account of this wonderful powers will be credited, while those of a stranger will hold no weight with the Fresno public.

There are hypnotists and hypnotists, but Professor Fontana's entertainments are by far the most interesting, laughable and instructive ever presented by a company of fun makers and entertainers.

One of the many features of this entertainment is the fact that Grace Eden, a little girl weighing less than 100 pounds, can perform the wonderful feats until now attributed only to the Georgia wonder, Annie Abbott. She lifts easily eight men and carries them across the stage. A change of program is given nightly. Prices—10, 20 and 30 cents.

Stole a Bottle of Brandy.

Frank Motesinger surprised the bartender of the Liberty saloon, across the track, last Saturday by calmly appropriating a bottle of brandy. Policemen were notified and he was not Motesinger under arrest. Yesterday Recorder Cullen sentenced him to thirty days in jail to give him time to ponder over the evil of his ways.

Dr. G. A. Hare returned from Portland, Or., yesterday.

DRESS MATERIALS. LOUIS EISENBERG & CO. GARMENTS.



It is very easy to find what you want in our immense collection of LADIES' SHIRT WAISTS. Novel Styles at Popular Prices.



The above cuts represent two out of twenty-two equally as handsome and stylish Shirt Waists. At 50c Each.



While our assortment is as yet far from complete, we are already showing a good line of Dress Skirts.

On Friday, FEBRUARY 25TH. At 50c Each.

100 assorted new medium and dark patterns 3-4 Chenille Table Covers, regular 75c quality, for this day only 50c each.

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REMOVAL NOTICE. Colonel J. G. Anderson has removed his

REAL ESTATE, NOTARY PUBLIC AND PENSION OFFICE. To No. 938 J street, opposite Postoffice.

A GREAT OFFERING

—IN—

Our Curtain Department.

LACE CURTAINS AND PORTIERES AT A NEW RECORD PRICE.



We have just bought out at a great discount three entire lines of a manufacturer's stock, reliable goods and excellent styles, which we offer this week at the closest margins ever attempted here.

An immense line of regular size, full finish Lace Curtains, only 45c a pair.

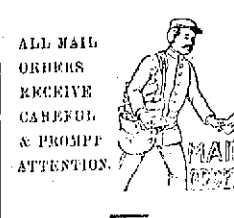
Lot Number 2 of 150 pairs Curtains, extra good, full 3 yards long, splendid patterns, regular \$1 quality, this week only 70c a pair.

Lot Number 3 consists of 75 pairs extra size and heavy Lace Curtains, newest designs and good value at \$1.00 a pair, we offer this week at \$1.00 a pair.

A line of Chenille Portieres, full size with heavy fringe, 20 new shades, only \$2.75 a pair.

A line of Tapestry Portieres, full size, all the late styling, only \$2.75 a pair.

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